

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An interlabial pad comprising:

an absorbent body for absorbing body fluids;

a surface side sheet and a rear surface side sheet enclosing said absorbent body; and

a sheet body ~~provided~~ lapped on said rear surface side sheet[.]; and

~~wherein a pair of fingertips insert openings for inserting the fingertips of a wearer are provided symmetrically about a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad, and said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions disposed symmetrically about said longitudinal direction so that said pair of fingertip insert openings coincide with said pair of opened portions~~

a pair of fingertip insert openings having a size such that fingertips of a wearer may be inserted naturally,

wherein said interlabial pad is of a size which may be held between labia naturally, and has a substantially planar shape having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis,

wherein said pair of fingertip insert openings are provided at both side edges of said interlabial pad so as to be symmetrical with respect to said longitudinal axis, and

wherein said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions on left and right side edge portions substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis, so that said pair of fingertip insert openings are formed by said pair of opened portions.

18. (currently amended) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, ~~wherein~~
~~wherein said interlabial pad is used by being folded along said longitudinal axis, and~~
wherein said interlabial pad or said absorbent body comprises a folding guide element
extending along a line for folding along the longitudinal axis.
19. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 18, wherein said folding guide element is
comprised of any of a broken line, a cut line, and a compression line.
20. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the width of the fingertip
insert opening is not less than 20mm.
21. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the depth of said fingertip
insert opening is not less than 15mm.
22. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein said sheet body has a size not less
than 80% in respect of a length size of the lateral direction of the interlabial pad.
23. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein said sheet body has color,
chromaticity and pattern different from those of the opposite side of the interlabial pad to the body
side.

a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,

wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that said pair of fingertip insert openings are positioned at the neighborhood of an unseal portion of said wrapping container.